Indo-China cooperation for global standards in IT

5273. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has sought India's cooperation for developing global standards in information technology;

(b) the details of the fields in which this cooperation has been sought by China; and

(c) the other details of the Information Technology Cooperation which exists between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the course of Minister's visit to China in July, 2000 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for bilateral cooperation in the IT sector was signed between India and China.

Fire in telephone exchanges in A.P.

5274. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether PWG Naxals set on fire two telephone exchanges during the first week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimate of loss suffered in this fire; and

(c) the action taken to nab the culprits and prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Three telephone exchanges in Guntur district were set on fire in first week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Approx. Rs. 23 lakhs.

(c) FIRs were lodged with respective police stations. To prevent